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AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

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GENEVA FOR RSO, FRANKFURT FOR RSS/RTC

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: ANTI-TERRORISM PROJECTS FUNDED BY FBO, ER
PROPERTY NO. X02002

REF: A) BERN 0239; B) BERN 0353

1. NOTED LOW BID AS AWARDED FOR WINDOW GRILLS FOR :R WHICH
WERE AUTHORIZED STATE 280537 WAS FOR DOLS.10,460. XJ-3276
ALLOTMENT DOCUMENT FOR DOLS.18,000 CODE 212, FOR THIS WORK
WAS SENT TO EMBASSY JANUARY 16. SEE PARA 5 STATE 6683.

2. AUTHORIZED APPLY DOLS.1,375 OF BALANCE REMAINING IN
YOUR XJ-3276 ALLOTMENT TO INCREASED COSTS FOR PREVIOUSLY
AUTHORIZED PROJECTS OF EXTERIOR LIGHTING, HEAVIER WIRING
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AND DEVALUATION OF DOLLAR, AS REQUESTED.

3. SINCE PROJECT FOR REMODELING BUTLER'S QUARTERS WAS A
MINOR IMPROVEMENT FUNDED UNDER OPERATING ACCOUNT XJ-4276
ALLOTMENT CODE 220, IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO FUND ADDITIONAL
ITEMS FOR THAT PROJECT FROM THE CAPITAL ACCOUNT XJ-3276
ALLOTMENT AS PROPOSED.

4. HOWEVER YOUR XJ-4276 ALLOTMENT INCREASED DOLS.1,842
CODE 220 FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS REQUESTED FOR REMODELING
BUTLER'S QUARTERS.

5. AS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED WITH AMBASSADOR WARNER
WHILE ON CONSULTATION IN DEPARTMENT, IN THE ABSENCE OF
FIRM COST ESTIMATES AND CLARIFICATION THAT SPECIFICATIONS
FOR THE FENCE MET ACCEPTED STANDARDS FOR PHYSICAL
SECURITY, IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO AUTHORIZE THE
PROPOSED NEW PERIMETER FENCE AROUND THE RESIDENCE. SEE
RSO GENEVA MEMORANDUM TO SY DATED OCTOBER 17, 1977 AND
STATE 280537.

6. THE COST ESTIMATES NOW SUBMITTED REFERENCE (B) ARE
APPRECIATED. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT UNDERSTOOD HOW THE
COMPARATIVELY LOW HEIGHTS NOW PROPOSED WHICH IT IS
UNDERSTOOD WOULD RESULT IN UNIFORM HEIGHT ABOVE GROUND OF
SEVEN FEET SEVEN INCHES WOULD PROVIDE AN EFFECTIVE
PROTECTION AGAINST TERRORIST ATTACKS. ADDITIONALLY, THE
USE OF CYCLONE FENCING IS NOT CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE FOR
PHYSICAL SECURITY. IRON GRILL FENCING IS INSTEAD
RECOMMENDED BY SY. SY STANDARDS REQUIRE 9 FOOT HEIGHT.
SUGGEST APPEAL HEIGHT LIMITATION IMPOSED BY FEDERAL
POLICE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY.

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7. WITH RESPECT TO THE GATES, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT
THE GATE AT THE RAINMATTSTRASSE EXIT REMAIN LOCKED AND
BARRED AND NOT BE PUT BACK INTO ACTIVE SERVICE AS
PROPOSED. THE MECHANISM KNOWN BY SY AND FBO TO BE
ACCEPTABLE FOR OPERATING THE HEAVY GATES AT THE
TAUBENSTRASSE EXIT IS OF THE TYPE IN USE AT BRUSSELS
FOR WHICH AMBASSADOR WARNER WAS GIVEN FULL DETAILS AND
SPECIFICATIONS. IN THE ABSENCE OF DETAILS INCLUDING
DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE PROPOSED MECHANISM
AND SLIDING GATE AVAILABLE LOCALLY IN BERN SY AND FBO
ARE CONCERNED THAT BREAKDOWN COULD OCCUR AT CRITICAL
MOMENTS.

8. THE AMBASSADOR IS ASSURED THAT THE DEPARTMENT FULLY
SHARES HIS CONCERN THAT HE BE GIVEN PROPER PROTECTION
AGAINST POSSIBLE TERRORIST ATTACKS. HOWEVER, EXPERIENCE
HAS SHOWN THAT CARE MUST BE EXERCISED TO INSURE THAT
EQUIPMENT OR DEVICES INSTALLED ARE THE MOST SUITABLE AND
ADEQUATE FOR THE INTENDED PURPOSE. IN ORDER THAT
PROPER INSTALLATIONS ARE MADE THAT WILL PROVIDE THE
NECESSARY PROTECTION IN TIMES OF EMERGENCY, PLEASE SUBMIT
DRAWINGS AND SPECIFICATIONS OF THE FENCES AND PROPOSED

GATE CLOSING MECHANISM FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION.

9. XJ-4276 ALLOTMENT DOCUMENT FOLLOWS. VANCE

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